Direct Appointment of Class III Employees in Railways

1814. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 1984, some persons were appointed as class III employees directly, ignoring the rights of class IV employees who were already working as class III employees in canteens run by Northern Railways canteens under Parliament House Complex; and

(b) if so, the reasons and justification of appointing class III employees directly in the canteen of Parliament House Complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A new catering unit in Prime Minister's Office was opened under Parliament House Canteen Complex in the year 1984. Three post of class III were created for managing this unit therefore, three persons were appointed in this category directly from open market.

Commercial Publicity and ADS on Wagons

1815. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase revenue by introducing commercial publicity and advertisements on wagons, passenger trains and level crossings;

(b) if so, the initiatives taken in this regard; and

(c) by when they would be made effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Task Force was set up to study various issues related to non-traditional sources of revenue including commercial publicity. The Task Force has submitted its report recently. In respect of commercial publicity, recommendations have been given to generate additional resources by using wagons, stations, passenger trains, level crossings etc. for advertisements. The recommendations which are accepted, will be implemented.